

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ROTATABLE LOCKING MECHANISM FOR RING SYSTEMS, the specification of which:

  X   is attached hereto.

       was filed on            as Application Serial No.            and was amended on            (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I do not claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate. No foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate has a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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